Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 15 Aug 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 16 Aug 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 14 Aug 2021 at 15:32 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence in forecast for Sunday, lower confidence in the amount of showers likely and how far south they penetrate inland. Although it looks quite settled for the early part of next week, cloud amounts will be hard to forecast.

Headline for Sunday 15 Aug 2021: Bright spells but a few showers developing and freshening northwesterly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 15 Aug 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	40%	40%	60%	60%	30%

Forecast for Sunday 15 Aug 2021

Weather: A few clear spells overnight but more in the way of cloud for northern ranges. A bright start to the day and staying mainly dry for the much of the morning but increasingly cloudy with a few showers starting to move across the northern ranges by lunchtime. Some of the showers will become heavy for a time but in the freshening breeze they should move through quite quickly. Drier and brighter for hills in the east but the chance of a shower just about anywhere in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%, generally clear tops but patches of low cloud will develop around showers particularly around Assynt, Torridon and Ben Hope.

Visibility: Low cloud that develops around showers will generally be above 600m and some breaks will still appear at times. In the afternoon cloud may lower and become a little thicker at times. Visibility below any low cloud will be good with far reaching views but will dip in showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	10/12 W	10/13 W	15/18 W	15/20 W	18/25 W	22/31 W	19/28 NW	16/22 NW	16/22 NW
900	10/12 W	10/13 W	14/18 W	15/20 W	17/25 W	22/30 W	19/27 NW	15/21 NW	15/21 NW
600	6/9 W	7/10 W	10/14 W	11/16 W	14/21 W	17/25 W	14/22 NW	11/17 NW	11/17 NW
300	3/11 W	2/11 W	4/14 W	6/17 W	6/21 W	8/25 W	7/23 NW	4/17 NW	4/17 NW
Glen	3/7 NW	2/6 W	2/7 W	7/13 W	9/17 W	12/21 W	11/21 NW	6/15 NW	6/14 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	5/2	5/2	5/1	6/2	6/2	6/2	6/1	5/0	4/0
900	6/3	6/2	6/2	6/3	7/3	7/3	7/2	5/1	5/1
600	8/6	8/6	8/6	9/6	10/7	10/6	9/6	8/5	7/4
300	10/10	10/9	10/9	11/10	12/11	12/11	11/10	10/9	10/9
Glen	13/12	12/12	12/12	14/12	14/13	14/12	14/12	13/12	12/11
Freezing Level*	1900m	1900m	1900m	2000m	1900m	1900m	1800m	1700m	1700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Northwesterly winds will freshen during the day and will be gustier around any passing showers. Feeling a little cooler than of late.

Forecast for Monday 16 Aug 2021

Weather: A mainly dry night and morning, with some early sunshine but rain and cloud spreading across from the west during the early afternoon. Rain becoming quite persistent at times especially for esposed western slopes.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 15 mph with gusts 25 mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 95% in the morning, some lower cloud affecting western ranges by mid afternoon so 80% there.

Visibility: Good visibility around the ranges during the morning but visibility reducing during the afternoon as rain approaches from the west. Low cloud becoming broken from 400m to above the summits making visibility quite poor and navigation tricky during the afternoon. Below the cloud visibility may also be poor in rainfall in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 9 rising to 15 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 rising to 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: above the summits.

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